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**BOARD APPROVES SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'
REQUEST FOR REWARD EXTENSIONS IN THE
MURDERS OF TWO SECOND DISTRICT EDUCATORS**

LOS ANGELES – The Board of Supervisors today approved a request by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas to extend the \$10,000 rewards offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible to the murders of two Second District educators.

On May 13, 28 year-old Robert Rodwell was shot and killed as he pulled out of his driveway in the 1400 block of 105th Street in the Athens area of Los Angeles County. Mr. Rodwell was with his wife when an assailant approached their car and shot him several times.

A long time resident of Athens, Mr. Rodwell was a beloved drum instructor at George Washington Preparatory High School. He had just celebrated his daughter's seventh birthday.

"Mr. Rodwell's daughter lost a father, and his students lost a teacher and mentor," Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said.

On May 31, at approximately 12:02 a.m., Crystal Crawford, a pre-school teacher, was fatally shot on the 2900 block of 95th Street in Inglewood, as she was sitting in her vehicle with friends. Ms. Crawford was driven by her boyfriend to Centinela Hospital, where she died.

No arrests have been made in either case and no witnesses have come forward.

“These educators of our youth were taken prematurely from their families, friends, students and colleagues,” the Supervisor said. “The persons responsible for these crimes must be caught and tried.”

Anyone with information in the murder of Robert Rodwell should contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department Homicide Bureau at (323) 890-5500.

Those with information in the murder of Crystal Crawford should contact the Inglewood Police Department Homicide Section at (310) 412-5246 or the anonymous hotline at (888) 412-7463, (888) 41-CRIME).

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